

churchyard of Cricklade Saint Sampson, in the county of Wilts; and whereas it seems fit to Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, that the said Order in so far as it affects burials in the said churchyard be varied:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice aforesaid, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that the said Order be varied by the addition of the following clause (d) to the Article in the said Order relating to burials in the church and churchyard of Cricklade Saint Sampson, viz. :—

(d) In a reserved grave space on the north side of the church which has never before been buried in, and which when opened is free from water, burial may be allowed of the Reverend Henry J. Morton and so many members of his family (at their decease) as can be buried at or below the depth of five feet.
A. W. FitzRoy.

At the Court at *Osborne House, Isle of Wight* the 2nd day of *February*, 1899.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS by an Act passed in the Session of Parliament held in the sixteenth and seventeenth years of Her Majesty's reign, intituled "An Act to amend the laws concerning the burial of the dead in England beyond the limits of the Metropolis, and to amend the Act concerning the burial of the dead in the Metropolis," it is enacted that, in case it appears to Her Majesty in Council, upon the representation of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, that, for the protection of the public health, the opening of any new burial ground in any city or town, or within any other limits, save with the previous approval of one of such Secretaries of State, should be prohibited, or that burials in any city or town, or within any other limits, or in any burial grounds or places of burial, should be wholly discontinued, or should be discontinued subject to any exception or qualification, it shall be lawful for Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order that no new burial ground shall be opened in any city or town, or within such limits, without such previous approval, or (as the case may require) that, after a time mentioned in the Order, burials in such city or town, or within such limits, or in such burial grounds or places of burial, shall be discontinued wholly, or subject to any exceptions or qualifications mentioned in such Order, and so from time to time as circumstances may require; provided always, that notice of such representation, and of the time when it shall please Her Majesty to order that the same be taken into consideration by the Privy Council, shall be published in the London Gazette, and shall be affixed on the doors of the churches or chapels of, or on some other conspicuous places within, the parishes affected by such representation, one month before such representation is so considered; provided also that no such representation shall be made in relation to the burial ground of any parish until ten days' previous notice of the intention to make such representation shall have been given to the Incumbent and Vestry Clerk or Churchwardens of such parish:

And whereas the Right Honourable Sir Matthew White Ridley, Baronet, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, after giving to the Incumbent and the Churchwardens of the parish

hereinafter mentioned ten days' previous notice of his intention to make such representation, made a representation stating that for the protection of the public health no new burial ground should be opened in the undermentioned parish without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials should be discontinued therein with certain modifications:

And whereas Her Majesty was pleased, by Her Order in Council of the twenty-ninth day of November last, to give notice of such representation, and to order that the same should be taken into consideration by a Committee of the Lords of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council on the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and such Order has been published in the London Gazette and copies thereof have been affixed, as required by the said Act:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, is pleased to order, and it is hereby ordered, that no new burial ground shall be opened in the undermentioned parish without the previous approval of one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and that burials in the said parish shall be discontinued, as follows; viz. :—

STONE, STAFFORD.—Forthwith and entirely in the Church of Saint Michael's, Stone, in the county of Stafford, and in the churchyard within four feet of its boundaries; and also in the rest of the churchyard after the thirty-first of December, one thousand nine hundred, except as follows:—

(a.) In vaults and wholly walled graves now existing burials may be allowed on condition that every coffin be separately enclosed by stonework or brickwork properly cemented:

(b.) In earthen graves now existing burials may be allowed of the relations of those already interred therein provided the bodies can be deposited at or below the depth of five feet without exposing coffins or disturbing human remains:

(c.) In reserved grave spaces which have never before been buried in, and which, when opened, are free from water, burials may be allowed of so many members of the families to whom they may be allotted as can be buried at or below the depth of five feet.

And forthwith and entirely in the Christchurch, Stone, in the county of Stafford; and also in the churchyard after the thirty-first of December, one thousand nine hundred, except as follows:—

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